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## claims

 (Currently Amended) Means (1) for fastening, securing or clamping goods or for securing a person, such as a load strap, support strap, tie member, rope, safety harness or the like, with an information medium (2) attached thereto, characterised in that

## wherein

the information medium (2) consists of at least one identification medium (3a, 3b), an insert (4) having high tear strength and a protective casing (5), which surrounds at least the identification medium (3a, 3b).

- 2. (Currently Amended) Means according to Claim 1, characterised in that wherein it is rigidly connected to the information medium (2).
- 3. (Currently Amended) Means according to Claim 2, characterised in that wherein it is sewn to the information medium (2).
- (Currently Amended) Means according to <u>Claim</u> one of <u>Claims</u> 1 or 2, eharacterised in that wherein it is glued and/or riveted to the information medium (2).
- (Currently Amended) Means according to <u>Claim one of Claim 1 or 2</u>, <u>characterised</u>
   in that <u>wherein</u>
   the identification medium (3a, 3b) is readable.
- 6. (Currently Amended) Means according to Claim 5, characterised in that wherein the identification medium (2) is machine-readable.
- (Currently Amended) Means according to <u>Claim 1</u> any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that <u>wherein</u>
  the insert (4) has a higher tear strength than the identification medium (3a, 3b).

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 (Currently Amended) Means according to <u>Claim 1</u> any one of the preceding claims, eharacterised in that <u>wherein</u>
the insert (4) consists of a technical textile, especially a fabric.

- 9. (Currently Amended) Means according to <u>Claim 1</u> any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that <u>wherein</u> the insert (4) is strip-shaped.
- 10. (Currently Amended) Means according to <u>Claim 1</u> any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that <u>wherein</u> the insert (4) acts on both sides as a carrier of identification media (3a, 3b).
- 11. (Currently Amended) Means according to <u>Claim 1</u> any one of the preceding claims, eharacterised in that <u>wherein</u> the identification medium (3a, 3b) is rigidly connected, especially sewn and/or riveted and/or glued, to the insert (4).
- 12. (Currently Amended) Means according to <u>Claim 1</u> any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that <u>wherein</u> only a portion of the information medium (2) is connected directly to the fastening or clamping means.
- 13. (Currently Amended) Means according to Claim 1 any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that wherein the protective casing (5) is a tube or a film.
- 14. (Currently Amended) Means according to <u>claim 1</u> any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that <u>wherein</u> the protective casing (5) is made of plastics material, especially of polyethylene (PE) or of polyvinyl chloride (PVC).
- 15. (Currently Amended) Means according to <u>Claim 1</u> any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that <u>wherein</u> the protective casing (5) is transparent.
- 16. (Currently Amended) Means according to <u>Claim 1</u> any one of the preceding claims, eharacterised in that <u>wherein</u> the identification medium (3a, 3b) is a label provided with information.

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17. (Currently Amended) Means according to <u>Claim 1</u> any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that <u>wherein</u> the identification medium (3a, 3b) is a transponder.

- 18. (Currently Amended) Means according to <u>Claim 1</u> any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that wherein the identification medium (3a, 3b) is carried by the insert.
- 19. (Currently Amended) Means according to <u>Claim 1</u> any one of the preceding claims, eharacterised in that <u>wherein</u> the protective casing is formed as a protective layer with which the identification medium (3a, 3b) is covered.
- 20. (Currently Amended) Means according to Claim 19, characterised in that wherein the protective layer is a flexible plastics material.
- 21. (Currently Amended) Means according to Claim 20, characterised in that wherein the flexible plastics material is a silicone or polyurethane.
- 22. (Currently Amended) Means according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that wherein all layers of the information medium are surrounded by the protective casing (5).
- 23. (Currently Amended) Means according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that wherein the protective casing is made of a UV-resistant material.
- 24. (Currently Amended) Information medium (2) for marking a means (1) for fastening, securing or clamping goods, such as a load strap, support strap, tie member, rope, safety harness or the like, eharacterised in that wherein it consists of at least one respective identification medium (3a, 3b), an insert having high tear strength and a protective casing (5), which surrounds at least the identification medium (3a, 3b), and is joined as a unit independently of the means (1).